DECEMATION AND POWER OF ATTOMY FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I, Ananthan K. Pillai, Madhav Mutalik, Ajay Shekhar and Cara Garber hereby declare that:

My residence, post-office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMPUTING FILE STORAGE ELEMENTS FOR BACKUP AND RESTORE, the specification which is attached hereto and identified as Attorney Docket No. EMC-005PUS and EMC Corporation Case No. EMC-00-018.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120, of the United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United State Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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